

ABNER-ELIZABETH

Thos. John Dale Sydney, Melton, Wash. David. (Tandy) Utterback - D. ffart -
(Byers Gillion Wyatt) Woodford, Ky. #2 Richmond Co. Va.
Henry Co. Ky. Johnson Co. Ind.

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DRAWER 1A CHILDREN OF JOSEPH HARRIS, Sr.

Hanks Family

Central Kentucky

Abner & Elizabeth Hanks

Excerpts from newspapers and other
sources

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COUSIN OF LINCOLN
IS RESIDENT OF DES MOINES

1922
Abraham Lincoln's own cousin
lives in Des Moines, in the person of
V. S. Beall, 2307 Carpenter street.

Mr. Beall's grandmother was Sarah
Hanks, sister of Nancy Hanks, the
mother of the Martyr president. She
married an Utterback, while Nancy
married a Lincoln. Mr. Beall's moth-
er, therefore, was first cousin to Ab-
raham Lincoln.

Mr. Beall resembles his noted re-
lative so much that people coming in
and out of the grain brokerage office
in the Youngerman building, notice
and comment upon it. If he should
grow the familiar Lincoln style of
beard, the similarity would approach
identity.

"But I detest beards," declared Mr.
Beall.

Judge Hubert Utterback and his
brother, Fred, are also related to
Lincoln, except that they are a gener-
ation farther along.

"The Utterback boys follow Lin-
coln's profession better than I do,
though," chuckled the genial grain
broker. "I don't care much for the
practice of law, though my son is
studying it at Drake.

"Yes, I was raised on a farm and
used to split a few rails myself, but
like Lincoln, I decided I could do bet-
ter elsewhere.

"Lincoln was a great man," went
on Mr. Beall, pointing to a portrait
hanging on his office wall. "But there
is the greatest of all presidents," in-
dicating another portrait in the place
of honor directly above his own desk.
It was President Wilson.

"I imagine you can find hundreds
of relatives of Abraham Lincoln" de-
clared Honest Abe's local kinsman,
"In those days, families were large
and the Lincolns and the Hanks chil-
dren and the rest of the folks all rais-
ed from ten to a dozen children."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN
FAMILY

Franklin, Ind.,

July 21, 1928.

Mr. Louis A. Warren,
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:-

I have just recently read your book "The Childhood of Lincoln" and enjoyed it very much. I have just finished Mrs. Caroline Starks Hitchcock's book "Nancy Starks". It was published in 1900 and in it she speaks of publishing a genealogy of the Starks family in America. I was told ~~that~~ at the Indiana State Library that Mrs. Hitchcock had never published her genealogy but had turned all her material over to you. Now

am very much interested in this work. My great grandmother was Ailsie Hanks, daughter of Abner Hanks, a Rev. War soldier. In all of my reading on the Hanks family, I cannot find an Abner. Ailsie Hanks married John Utterback of Johnson Co. Ind. John Utterback came here from Ky. but I do not know when. They may have been married in Ky. I have Abner Hanks war record; he was a member of Maryland militia. He was in Johnson Co. in 1831-1834, died here & is buried here. Can you tell me how this Abner Hanks is related to Nancy? He came to Ind. fr

Ky. Traditions all say that we are of Nancy Hanks' relatives. If it is your intention to publish a Hanks genealogy, be sure and write me, because I will want one. I have never been able to learn the names of the wives of Abner Hanks - but I am sure he had more than one. I can give you information about the children of Abner Hanks who lived in Johnson Co. Ind. and I know some of their burial places. I have been working on some family ancestry this summer.

I shall be very glad to let you have any data I may

have about the Hanks family,
and I wish you every success
in completing your genealogy.
It is a work which should
be done, and will be a worthy
contribution to History.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Paul Byers
Franklin,
Ind.

(answer in duplicate - we write)

August 28, 1928

Mrs. Paul Byers
Franklin, Ind.

My dear Mrs. Byers:

I am back at my office now
and have access to my manuscripts. I am
enclosing some data on the family of Abner
Hanks.

He had a brother Elijah, and my records show
his father's name to have been John. John's
father is said to have been Abraham Hanks who came
to Kentucky with William Calk. In Calk's dairy
Abraham is said to have "turned back." He must
have come to Kentucky later with his family.

I should be glad to have any data which
you have collected on the Hanks Family. I do
not know when it will be possible to publish
the Hanks genealogy but not until we have some
positive proof as to who were the parents of Nancy Hanks.

My own theory is that she was the child of
_____ Hanks and Lucy Shipley Hanks, but there
are many who will not except my theory and I admit
that I lack proof that is without dispute.

There were Shipleys who settled near Franklin
if you can find any record of this group in the
court house I should like very much to have them.

Respectfully,

See Hanks in Family Hist. Vol. 1

Franklin, Ind.,

Sept. 5, 1928.

Mr. Louis A. Warren,

Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear sir:- Rec'd your very kind letter and I surely do appreciate the data you have given me on the Hanks family.

I believe you have a few mistakes on your record. I am historian for the Utterback family & since several of them married Hankses, I am a descendant of both lines, my great grandparents being John & Ailsie Hanks Utterback.

If you wish, I can bring a lot of my records, old letters

etc. & meet you at Ind'pls at the Library and we can go over them together! We ~~can~~ are only twenty miles from Ind'pls and my husband & I often drive up to shop. I feel like I could talk to you much better than I can write. I have here an old letter of some of the older Utterbacks whose mother was Matilda Hanks. This man claims that Matilda was a full sister of Nancy, the mother of Lincoln. Some of the descendants of Matilda Hanks Utterback live here near me & it is a family tradition that their great grandmother

- Matilda
 was a sister of Nancy. My grandmother always told me that Matilda Hanks was a half sister of Alsey (grandmother's mother). This Matilda Hanks
 (a) was born Dec. 10, 1788 and was married to Benj. Utterback and were the parents of 16 children. You have that she married Elisha Mills - I believe this is a mistake.
 (b) Alsey Hanks - born Feb. 15 - 1800 - married John Utterback - 11 children (I can give you this record almost complete to the present).
 (c) Mary - (never heard of her).
 (d) John Hale - (I have heard of him - he was called "Jack" - is

he the John Hanks that was a
cousin of Lincoln & is mention-
ed so often in history?

(e) Maria — born Aug. 4, 1804
married — Mott first child.
married James Vaughn (second)
had eight children. married
Geo. Riphart (third) had six
children by 3rd marriage (I can
give you this record complete as
children of Maria Riphart are
still living). I copied ~~her~~^a
lot of dates, names of her
children out of an old family
Bible belonging to a cousin
of my mother's.

(f) Susanne (never heard of her).
(g) Elizabeth (" " " ")
(h) Eley (" " " ")
(i) Sarah — married Corbin

Utterback - this is correct & they had 13 children (I can give you all names if you wish).

(f) Signor - (I never heard of him but ~~a~~ the name Signor is a common one in our branch of the family) You have that Signor Hanks died at Williamsburg, Md. I believe this is Williamsburg, Ind. which is now Vincennes, Ind. a small town about 8 miles south of Franklin.)

(g) Melton - married Rebecca Hanks - this is correct, according to Utterback records. They had 8 children, 6 of whom lived.

(h) Wash. - have heard of him & know that he was twice married

(m) Martha - (never heard of her).

(n) Caroline - married Hezekiah Utterback - correct - they had three children - Caroline died + Hez. married 2nd. wife, Polly McCandora.

(o) Grace - married Willis Heer - children - 5 - 4 girls / boy. I can give you complete records of this. A grandson of Grace H. Heer lives in Franklin. I can give you all dates of this branch, names of children, etc. You have that Grace H. Heer died at Union ~~village~~ Valley, Md. This is a mistake - She died at Union Village, Ind. (now Providence, Ind. a small village 6 miles west of Frank-

lin. I visited her grave early in the spring in search of my great-grandmother's grave (Almy Hanks Utterback.)

(p) Amanda - married a Mitchell - this is all I know about her.

(q) America - married David Byers (a relative of my husband) I can give you names of children, dates, etc. out of our Byers genealogy.

(r) David - have heard my grandmother speak of David Hanks.)

(s) Patey - married Elisha Dehart - a son of this marriage Elisha Dehart, Jr. lives with his daughter in Franklin. He

told me that he would take us to the grave of Abner Hanks that he knew where it was. You state that he died ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ Marion Co, Iowa, in 1847. I am sure that he is buried here in Johnson county. A record of Rev. soldiers buried in Johnson co. gives his name. We will locate this grave just as soon as we can do so.

I shall be only too glad to make a search for Shipley records at the court house as soon as I get time to do so. Please tell me what to look for, & what years the Shipley's came if possible.

Can you tell me how

(9)

Abner Hanks is related to Lincoln. I would be very glad to know.

Any additional help I can give you, I will be only too glad to do so. And will arrange to meet you in the city, if possible. Thank you very much for the data you sent me.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Paul Byers
Franklin
Ind.

September 13, 1928

Mrs. Paul Byers
Franklin, Indiana

My dear Mrs. Byers:

I was very glad to hear from you again and make note of the corrections which appear in your letter. There is very much to do in straightening out the entanglements in the Hanks genealogy. We do not know for certain just who was the father of Nancy Hanks Lincoln. My own conviction is that her mother was Lucy Kipley, who married a man by the name of Hanks. I think, however, she was an only child by that first marriage. Later Lucy Kipley married again, a man by the name of Starrow and by this union there were eight children. The John Hanks of whom you speak, was an older son of William Hanks. William Hanks was the son of Joseph Hanks, and Joseph Hanks is said to have been a brother of Abraham Hanks. This will allow you to trace your relation to John Hanks.

When I find I am to be in Indianapolis I shall advise you and shall be pleased to see you at the Historical Society there.

Relative to searching for the ^{Sh}Kipley records, I would not try to do very much this side of the period of the Civil War. Earlier records are the most valuable records.

If at any time you find it convenient to send me such information as you may have that should appear in the Hanks genealogy, I should be glad to receive it.

I am wondering if the Utterbacks are descendants of the old Preacher Martin Utterbacks. I have come across his records in Kentucky so many times.

I am wondering if you have corresponded with Mrs. G. A. Gullion, at Lebanon, Indiana. She, I believe, must be from the same branch of Hankses as you are from. Please feel that I am anxious to assist the Hanks family in any way possible in trying to prepare an adequate history of their family.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL

Director,
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

October 24, 1928.

Mrs. Paul Byers
Franklin, Indiana

My dear Mrs. Byers:

I wish to thank you for the further information relative to the Hanks family which your last letter brought to me.

If we are ever to be successful in following through the various Hanks lines, each one of us will have to specialize on some certain family. I am putting you down on my list as one who will do all possible to find out everything possible about Abner Hanks and his ancestors. I am making a few notes on a separate sheet which may help you in this quest. Any further information which I may have I shall be very glad to send you.

Resptetfully yours,

Director

Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

LAW:CZ
Louis A. Warren

Franklin, Ind.,
Sept. 17, 1928.

Mr. Louis A. Warren,

Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear sir:- Rec'd your letter;
thanks for the additional
information of the Hanks
family that it contains. I
wish to make a correction
in my last letter. I believe
I told you that I never heard
of an Elizabeth Hanks. It just
dawned on me soon after I
sent you my last letter that
she is the one my grand-
mother called "Aunt Betsy".
my great grandfather, John
Utterback married Alsey
Hanks (as I have told you before)
and she died in 1849, being

the mother of eleven children.
About a year after her death
John Utterback married his
sister-in-law, Betsy Hanks.
I am sure she was Elizabeth,
because she was a full sister
of Alsey. I have heard my grand
mother speak of Aunt Betsy
many times - she was very
mean & stingy - drove all
the children away from home -
took no care of the hand
woven blankets, linens etc.
that their own mother (Alsey)
had made. She (Betsy) took
other of their linens, etc. &
sold them. Betsy Hanks was
born July 6, 1798. married
John Utterback Sept. 12, 1850.
They had no children. Betsy

Hanks Utterback died Jan. 12, 1863, and is buried in the Pitzer cemetery between Zionsville & Whitestown. Great grandfather John Utterback & wife Betsy moved to Boone co. after their marriage. Their graves are marked, but I have not visited them yet. I want to do so, soon.

Martin Utterback is one of my ancestors, but I am not a direct descendant of his. Jacob, Joel & Benj. Utterback came to Va. from Germany in 1770 - landed at Norfolk & moved to Woodford Co. Ky. in 1797. Jacob Utterback's son, Nimrod, had a boy John, (my great grandfather). Nimrod

had a brother, Martin, & a
 bro. Benj. Benj. married
 Matilda Hanks (as I wrote you
 in my last letter). The Utterback
 & Hankses intermarried quite
 a lot — John Utterback — Alsey
 Hanks — Matilda Hanks &
 Benj. Utterback — Corbin Utter-
 back & Sarah Hanks — Melton
 Hanks & Rebecca Utterback —
 Caroline Hanks & Hezekiah
 Utterback — John Utterback &
 Betsey Hanks (2nd wife). John
 U., Corbin U., Rebecca U., &
 Hezekiah U. were all brothers
 & sisters, while Benj. U.
 was their uncle, (their
 father's brother.)

I will search for the
 Shipley records at the earliest

opportunity.

Thank you for giving me Mrs. Gullion's address - I will write her soon.

I have always been inclined to believe that Nancy Hanks was illegitimate (Wm. E. Barton's theory). It seems that hidden away somewhere is the "hidden key" that will reveal just who Nancy Hanks was. I surely hope that you will find it.

Any information of the Utterback family you may have will be greatly appreciated. You speak of seeing records of Martin Utterback the preacher. Can you tell

me of what faith he was?
All the Utterback's I ever knew
are members of the Christian
churches.

Whenever you wish me to
bring my records to Indpls,
I will try to do so. I am a
mother of two children, one
eight years, and one three
years. But I can arrange to
leave my small son with
his grandmother any time.

Truly yours

Mrs. Paul Byers
Franklin,
Ind.

Franklin, Ind.,

Nov. 12, 1928.

Mr. Louis A. Warren

Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear sir:- I have been to the Johnson county court house this afternoon in search of those Shipley records that you were wanting. I looked at the recorder's office in the land grants, deeds, etc. This is what I found; Wm. R. Shipley and wife Martha Ann Shipley bought a parcel of land from Wm. J. Foster May 2, 1864. This land was held in Martha Ann Shipley's name. Then on Feb. 24, 1865, Wm. R.

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Shipley & wife deeded land to
Isaac Samson. This land lay
about five miles south of
Franklin in the edge of the
Little Town Aridity. There
was a man at the recorder
office who has done a lot of
work of a historical nature
in this county. He told me
that he did not know of
any early settlers named
Shipley or any descendants
of Shipley's in the county.
I will be in Franklin one
other afternoon this week
and I will go through a
lot of old marriage licenses
at the county clerk's office
and see what I can find.

It was interesting to me to run across land entries of Abner Hanks & John Dale Hanks and several of the older Utterbacks.

I have not yet had time to try to locate the grave of Abner Hanks. I fully intended doing so this fall, and may get to do so yet if pleasant weather continues. I received your last letter with the data on Elijah Hanks. Thank you very much for this valuable information.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Paul Byers
Franklin, Ind.

November 21, 1928.

Mrs. Paul Byers
Franklin, Indiana

My dear Mrs. Byers:

I am glad to learn that you have made some discoveries about the Shipleys in your County and trust that you may be able to find some valuable entries under the marriage register and birth records.

I should be pleased to learn more about the Bale family in Virginia, if possible. Do you know whether or not there is a family history of the Bales obtainable? As they were very closely associated with the Hanks family, it is possible we might secure some help through the Bales' descendants.

Please feel that I will be interested in any data that you may find with reference to this family.

Respectfully yours,

Director.

Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

LAW:CZ
Louis A. Warren

Mr. L. A. Warren,

Ft. Wayne, Ind.,

Dear sir: - A few days ago I found a sheet entitled "Lincoln Dou" which I read with much interest. I do not know just when it came + if a letter accompanied it - if so I failed to see the letter. Very serious sickness in the family since Sept. has caused a temporary delay in my research but I am now ready to begin again. I plan to return your Hanks manuscripts soon. "Lincoln Dou" was very interesting - I would like additional copies. A Mr. Raymond Warren is author of a most unusual set of articles on Lincoln now appearing in Prairie Farmer Magazine. Is he of your family? I am sorry sickness made a temporary delay for me. Truly yours, Mrs. Paul Byers.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Louis A. Warren
Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.,
Ft. Wayne
Ind.

Franklin, Ind.,
Feb. 11, 1929.

Mr. Louis A. Warren,
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:- I am sorry to have been so slow in answering your letter. We have had a wave of influenza in our community; and the chicken-pox in our schools.

I have made inquiries at the state library concerning the Dale family of Virginia about which you are desiring information. Will you please tell me from which county in Va. these Dales are from? It will simplify my research very much, as the records I looked at are classified in counties. I found a number of

Names in census reports, names
 of immigrants, early Va. marriages
 etc. There is a wealth of ma-
 terial at the State library for
 those desiring information
 about ancestry. But none of it
 is allowed to leave the library
 because there are so many
 calls for it. My husband drives
 to Indianapolis every Thurs. and
 I will make some more
 searches soon. Some of these
 the names in these records are
 not listed alphabetically so of
 course it is quite tedious to
 go over them all. But it is
 work than I enjoy doing & one
 is surprised at the familiar
 names listed.

I have written to a corres

pendent of mine in Ky. She is
a descendent of Alexander Dale,
& is an able genealogist of her
people. I have not yet heard from
her, but if she has any information
of the Dales I will send
it to you. I will write you
when I make any more
researches.

Truly yours,
Mrs. Paul Byers,
Franklin, Ind.

February 28, 1929

Mrs. Paul Byers
Franklin, Indiana

My dear Mrs. Byers:

The Hanks family, of which I wrote you in my last letter, became associated with the Dale family in Richmond County, Virginia. Evidently some of the family migrated from there to Woodford County, Kentucky, where they continued to inter-marry, as they did in Richmond County, Virginia.

I thought very likely that if any members of this family had done any etiological researching, they might be able to help us in showing the family relations back in Richmond County, Virginia.

I should be very much interested, indeed, if you could find any of these original Virginia contacts.

Elijah Dale married in Richmond County in 1792 and in 1795 his son, Sydnor Dale was born in Woodford County, Kentucky. The name Sydnor was a common Dale name.

I trust this may give you some leads in pursuing this research.

Respectfully yours,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:EB

HOTEL HADDERWECHT

January 2, 1930

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Editor,
Lincoln Lore,
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Mrs. Paul Byers
Franklin, Indiana

My dear Mrs. Byers:

I regret to learn of the illness of your family and trust that all are now convalescing.

I shall be pleased to place your name upon our mailing list for Lincoln Lore, the weekly bulletin of this Foundation which we send gratis to about 500 people.

As you are especially interested in the Hanks question, I am forwarding you the back numbers which deal with the ancestry of Nancy Hanks.

The Raymond Warren who is the author of the articles running in the Prairie Farmer is no relation of mine as far as I know, and I have not yet had the privilege of meeting him. I think he is writing some interesting stories.

I shall be very glad indeed to learn whether or not you have made further discoveries about the Hankses in Kentucky and Virginia, as I hope this year to study the Hanks genealogy in earnest.

Respectfully yours,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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Encls.



TRENTON'S NEWEST FIREPROOF HOTEL



HOTEL HILDEBRECHT

West State Street at Chancery Lane

TRENTON, N. J.

May 1, 1930.

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Editor,
Lincoln Lore,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

The January 6th issue of your admirable little publication, "Lincoln Lore", was the last which I received to date. I feel it is quite possible that by change of address from 639 Ridge St., Newark, N. J., to the Hotel Hildebrecht, Trenton, N. J., may be responsible for later issues not reaching me. I do not think I have as yet informed your office of this change.

I have found "Lincoln Lore", an interesting publication, and a valuable addition to my rather comprehensive collection of material relating to the life, character, and accomplishment of "Honest Abe", and should genuinely appreciate your kindness, if you could supply me with these numbers I missed, and continue my name on your regular mailing list at my Trenton address.

Kindly send me a binder 9 by 11½ - 1930, for which I enclose my check for the amount of \$1.75.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

VB:MS

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MRS. PAUL BYERS
FRANKLIN, INDIANA

May 1, 1933.

Mr. Louis A. Warren,
Ft. Wayne
Ind.

Dear sir: - Some time has elapsed since I last wrote you; during which time my family has had some serious sicknesses and my husband suffered the loss of his mother after a long drawn-out illness. But I wish to tell you how much I have enjoyed Lincoln Lore and to let you know that I am still on the job concerning my own branch of the Hanks family. I have not had a lot of time to continue my researches during the past year. Many researches end in disappointment. My former teacher, Merle J. Abbett is now a resident of your town. I can recommend him to you

MRS PAUL BYERS
FRANKLIN, INDIANA

as a fine Christian gentleman & I believe he can answer any questions you might care to ask him about me. He taught my husband & myself in high school. I only wish our children could go to such a teacher. If you are acquainted with him, remember me to him, please.

A short time ago a teacher who lives in Franklin told me of having lived in her childhood near an old lady named Minerva Mott Smith. This lady being a daughter of Maria Hanks Mott, (Maria being a sister of my gr. grand mother, Abbie). This old lady Smith had a picture of a group of three or four people to which she pointed with pride to a certain one of the group & said "And that is cousin Abe Lincoln." I went to see some of

MR. PAUL BYERS
FRANKLIN, INDIANA

these Smith descendants & wrote to others but I cannot find any trace of this picture. When Mrs. Smith died her personal effects were sold at public sale but her grandchildren say no portraits were sold. It makes me sick at heart to think such a picture has existed & I cannot locate it. I know this teacher (about sixty years old) has made no mistake, but the grandchildren can not recall such a picture or do not know who has it now. I know it would be priceless if found. I pass this information on to you for what it may be worth.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Paul Byers
Franklin, Ind.

May 3, 1933

Mrs. Paul Byers
Franklin, Indiana

My dear Mrs. Byers:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 3
relative to your research of the Hanks family.

The picture of which you speak would, of course,
be a very valuable one if discovered because I cannot
recall that outside of Lincoln's picture taken on the
battlefield of Antietam, his photograph is available
anywhere in a group picture.

I know Mr. Abbett quite well and will remember
him to you the next time I see him.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:LH

Director
Lincoln National Life Foundation

MRS PAUL BYERS
FRANKLIN, INDIANA

Feb. 5, 1934.

Dr. Louis A. Warren

Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear sir:- I am to speak at our local Home Economics Club on Feb. 16 on "Nancy Hanks". Would it be asking too much if you would again send me the two lines of Nancy's genealogy and my great-grandfather Abner Hanks? I wish to show in my talk how I am related to Nancy. I think I have had this information at one time but have evidently misplaced it as I cannot find any links connecting Abner + Nancy Hanks Lincoln. I will greatly appreciate this favor, and remain,

Very sincerely yours
Mrs. Paul Byers,
Franklin,
Ind.

February 9, 1934

Mrs. Paul Byers
Franklin, Indiana

Dear madam:

Dr. Warren is out of the city on an extended speaking tour and your request for material concerning Nancy Hanks has been turned over to me.

I do not seem to know just what it is you want, but I am sending all of the available Lincoln Lores on the subject of Lincoln's mother and her family.

If there is other information which you desire you might write to Dr. Warren in the early part of March. Of course this will be too late for your address but you would have it for future reference.

If you remember, you might tell me whether the particular information you wish was contained in Lincoln Lore, sent in a letter, or any other information which you think would help me to locate it, and I will be glad to try to find it and return it before February 16.

Very sincerely,

Ellen Herendeen, Asst. Editor
LINCOLN LORE

C. H. SALYERS

ARCHITECT
(UNCERTIFICATED)

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

4429 Menlo Ave.,
November 7, 1928

Mr. Louis A. Warren
Fort Wayne,
Indiana.

Dear Mr. Warren:

I was very glad to have your letter of October 24.

My mother furnished Mrs. Hitchcock material and data such as family wills, deeds and bills of sale of negroes, over thirty years ago. They may still be in her collection unless they were returned to Cyrus Hanks. This work was done over thirty years ago.

I still have some valuable wills and bills of sales of negroes that I intend to work into my genealogy.

Mother was so interested in Mrs. Hitchcock's genealogy and the book Nancy Hanks but she couldn't afford to buy one. Our mother, Lou Ellen Hanks Salyers, died Oct. 2, 1919 and I have just received the book Nancy Hanks by Mrs Hitchcock, from mother's cousin Mrs. Atha Hanks Gullion of New Castle, Ky. She had given it to her son as she is in her eighties. She has loaned it to me and I am copying it word for word.

I was so sorry that Mrs. Hitchcock died before she could help me. I sent her what I had at that time so she could give me the rest from Abner Hanks back to Abraham Lincoln. It was not until last year that Mrs Gullion heard from Mrs. Hitchcock's brother of her death. When did she die?

Yes I have the Abner Hanks' line complete. He is my Great great grandfather. I havn't it all in shape as yet. I have a few more to write to but I have the names and addresses of those who can help me complete this in detail.

I will be glad to help you and I will send you Abner Hanks' line just as soon as I can arrange the data.

OFFICE: 917 SEVENTH STREET
PHONE: MAIN 6265

RESIDENCE: 4366 MEADE AVE
PHONE HILLCREST 7257

C. H. SALYERS

ARCHITECT
(UNCERTIFICATED)

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Have you the genealogy between Abner Hanks and Abraham Lincoln? Mother said she was a fourth cousin to Abraham Lincoln.

Please let me know if you have anything about Abner Hanks, his father, etc.

I have written the Tandy genealogy, have it back to 1600 and material is still coming in.

I am interested to know how you happened to take up Mrs. Hitchcock's work and what kin you are to the Hanks.

I am glad you have taken up this work and I hope to see it published before long.

My address is 4429 Menlo Ave.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Hanks Salyers

November 12, 1928

Miss Nancy Hanks Salyers
4429 Menlo Avenue
San Diego, California

Dear Miss Salyers:

I am very glad to have your letter relative to the work which you are doing on the family of Abner Hanks.

I fear I will not be able to help you very much with Abner Hanks' ancestors. There seems to be some confusion as to just who his parents were.

I am now in touch with some of the descendants of Elijah, brother of Abner, who may be able to help some in this matter.

Mrs. Hitchcock had the same difficulty in tracing Abner's descendants as we are having today, and I do not know whether or not we will be able to make the connection with the ancestors of Abraham Lincoln. I feel, however, that this will be possible.

I have taken up the Hanks genealogy because of my interest in Lincoln. I am no relation to the family whatever.

A further interest is to prove without any shadow of a doubt that Lucy Hanks, the grandmother of President Lincoln, was a widow at the time she married Henry Sparrow. My own belief is that she was a Shipley. I should be very glad to learn if you have come across the Shipley family in your researches.

I shall be glad to advise you if I come across the ancestors of Abner Hanks in my efforts to trace this line.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL

_____, Director,
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

Notes on Family of Abner Hanks

Louis A. Warren

Abner is said to have been married five times and all authorities place the number of children at 20.

These wives are listed in this order 1. Elizabeth Dale (An Elizabeth Hanks on record as late as 1801) 2. Mary -----? 3. Frances-----? (signed deed with Abner in 1813) 4. Sarah Goodman. 5. -----? Shouse.

Abner had a brother Elijah two birth dates given 10-19-1766 and 10-20-75 The first is probably correct married 3-4-1792 Woodford County Ky. Winifred Bryan or Dale

Abner and Elijah said to have been only sons of a John Hanks whose wife may have been Susanna.

All this is rather indefinite but it may give a working basis.

San Diego, Calif.
4423 Menlo Ave.
March 27, 1940

Dear Mr. Warren:

You wrote me last in 1930 and sent me The Lincoln Lore on The Hanks Family no. 64 dated June 30, 1930. Remember that you found my letter to Mrs. Hitchcock? Did you ever find who was Abner Hanks father? Our mother said she was a 4th cousin to Lincoln and I want to make the connection. My sister and I have been sick since 1931 and we are still shut-in.

Last week I called on Mrs. Eliza Hanks Boyce, Lincoln's 2nd cousin. I was going to write you to write her but yesterday her daughter Miss Ruth Boyce telephoned me that her mother heard from you. I told her about you and gave her The Lincoln Lore you gave me. That Mrs. Wilson of Cannon Colo. and J. V. Hanks of Florence Colo. in that Lore, were her brother and sister. Her family are all dead now but her. I mailed Mrs. Boyce the Hanks Genealogy that I typed from Mrs. Hitchcock's Book and added her family to it. Miss Boyce said her mother was taken very ill Easter morning but was some better yesterday. She said that as soon as she was better she would write to you. I told her to answer your letter first and I am sure that they will. She just rec'd letters from two ladies who are Lincoln's 2nd cousins. Emily Hanks Truman (Mrs) is 93 yrs old - write to a

Mrs Andrew Duden, 360 W 3rd St, Colby, Kansas she cares for Mrs Truman. Mrs Truman says her grandfather's only sister was Lincoln's mother. Mrs Boyce tells me the same. Emily Hanks Truman's father was Abelome Hanks & her mother was Harriet Cimmer. Her brother and sister were: John, Peter, Saul, Elizabeth and George. Mrs Truman was born in Ohio.

Mrs Eddie Addison, 709 N. Main, Walla Walla Washington wrote she was Lincoln's 2nd cousin.

Mrs Boyce also just rec'd a letter from a Mrs Chas R. Hanks of Greenriver Utah, his father was Ebenezer Hanks.

If Nancy was the only daughter in Joseph Sr's family, then who was Elizabeth and Polly in his will (I got from Mrs Hitchcocks Book)? I have read stories that Lucy was a daughter of Joseph Sr and the mother of Nancy, who had no father. I believe that Nancy was named for her mother Nancy Shipley the wife of Joseph Sr. But I need your help about this. What about this "Lincoln Lore" - "Nancy and her widowed mother Lucy"? you have done more for the Hanks family than anyone. I know Nancy taught Lincoln. What about this - Lincoln's mother unable to read, write, Records discovered by W.P.A. reveal - Rockport, Ind Oct 6th (about 3 yrs ago) when Oct 5 marks 119th anniversary of the death of Lincoln's mother - a picture of the will of Thomas Sparrow

her mark - recorded Oct 9, 1818. Did you see this in the paper? I will send it to you if you didn't see it - Please answer as I am sure it is not true. This was just two weeks before she died. Maybe she was too ill at the time. Some of my relatives don't want to claim kin to Lincoln and so many people think the name Nancy Hanks should never be mentioned. I am proud of my name and that I am kin to Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln would be proud of you for what you have done for his family.

Do you know the name and address of the Mr. Hanks who is blind? Miss Boyce heard him speak.

Mrs. Boyce showed me her father and grandfather's pictures. She told me of Lincoln and her father being in the Black Hawk war and of working in the mines afterwards. Told me about a cabinet Lincoln made her father. During the war her father met a Wm Hanks who was a cousin. She remembers her father going to Ohio to see cousins. This Mrs. Truman was born in Ohio.

I will give you these names and address from our San Diego phone book. We do not know any of them. This Mr. F. B. Hanks, died, who had the Pottery factory. Mrs. F. B. Hanks, 4134 Taylor St. San Diego.

Wm. C. Hanks 3620 Kite St. San Diego. There is a Sgt Wm Hanks on our police dept.

M. C. Hanks - 4026 - 30th St. San Diego.

A. G. Hanks 4324 - 34th St. San Diego, Calif.

I have an old clipping - Aurora, Ill. Oct 26 you don't ^{know}
Mrs Sarah Barker, whose father, Jefferson Hanks was a
nephew of Lincoln's mother, is dead here -

Feb 24, 1940 Vista, Calif - says a Mrs Lizzie Hanks
lives there at Vista, Calif - (from our paper)

Please tell me who Dennis Hanks father was
and who was John Hanks father - the one who helped
Lincoln build the cabin - Life magazine Feb 12, 1940

I have so little on the Hanks family that I want
to get all this straight. I have very little about
Abner Hanks but have the rest of our line
complete and up to date.

Mrs Boyce told me that Dennis was old when
interviewed so didn't know much.

I am going to write down all I can get from
the Boyces about Wm's family of Va. and of
Joseph Sr.

I wrote to the ones Mrs Boyce told me to and
hope to get their families complete and see if
I can find anything important.

I shall be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours
(Miss) Nancy Hanks Saliers

GENEALOGY OF THE HANKS FAMILY.

(Caroline Hanks Hitchcock, Cambridge, Mass. published a book on the Hanks' Genealogy back to Abraham Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks who is a fourth cousin. Lou Hanks Salyers, furnished old wills etc. that were in this book we expect to locate soon.)

Lou Allen Hanks Salyers' Fathers side.

GREAT GRAND PARENTS

OUR GREAT GREAT-GRAND PARENTS

Abner Hanks. Father ? and brother ? names unknown to me but a son of one of his brothers was ? Dud Hanks (see letter to his cousin Capt. Thomas Hanks written 1839) He married six times. His other wives and children unknown to me, but his first wife was a Dale kin to Sir Thomas Dale, Gov. of Virginia. Their children were,

1 Capt. Thomas Hanks born March 11, 1791 Died in 1882 at 91 yrs. old.

(We have his Capt. Commission)

2 Jack Hanks

never married. He was a large, fat, jolly man.

GRAND PARENTS

OUR GREAT GRAND PARENTS

Capt. Thomas Hanks (see picture) married Sallie Tandy daughter of John Tandy 1st. Dec. 19, 1812. (We have their marriage license) Their children were, names and dates copied from Henry Clays Hanks' own handwriting.

- 1 Allen Hanks born Feb. 24, 1814
- 2 Eliza Hanks born Jan. 2, 1816
- 3 Wesley Hanks born May 18, 1817
- 4 Thomas Hanks born May 5, 1819
- 5 Emerine Hanks born May 30, 1821
- 6 Richard Hanks born Dec. 15, 1823
- 7 Mary Hanks born Aug. 24, 1826
- 8 Susan Hanks born Nov. 15, 1828
- 9 John James Hanks born May 28, 1831
- 10 Wm. M. Hanks born June 21, 1834
- 11 Henry Clay Hanks born Nov. 26, 1836 Died June 21, 1892 at Harriman, Tenn

See chapters

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F.S.A.

Allen Hanks married

Their children were,

- 1 Cyrus (Ci) Hanks
- 2 Dud Hanks
- 3 Tandy (called T) Hanks
- 4 Athia 1 Hanks
- 5 Carroll Hanks

Cyrus Hanks married Middy Brown ?

- 1 Horace Hanks born 1868 died Carrollton, Ky. Feb. 3, 1887 19 yrs. old.
- 2 Jennie Hanks married a Carter
- 3 Athia & Hanks married a Mc Farland Newport, Ky. Mar. 25, 1903.
- 4 Lee Hanks
- 5 Elliott Hanks All lived at Harriman, Tenn. now Covington Ky. and Cinn. Ohio.

Dud Hanks no children. wife Catherine

Tandy (T) Hanks children were

1 John A Hanks

2 Clarence Hanks

Athia Hanks 1 married E. Allen Gullion New Castle, Ky.

Carroll Hanks married and had three children.

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Elijah Hanks married and had nine daughters. Sarah Hanks married
 an Adams Children were,
 1 John Quincy Adams
 2 Albert Adams
 3 Charlie Adams (see Picture) died from poison root
 4 Jinks Adams
 5
 6 Nannie Adams
 7 Clara Adams

Elijah's other daughters names unknown.

Wesley Hanks wife Mary.

Thomas Hanks wife Margaret

Emerine Hanks married a Griffith ? ? ? 3

children of Emerine,
 Mary or Susan ? { 1 Matt Griffith born Aug. 24, 1851
 2 West Griffith born Aug. 24, 1853 Lived with H.C. Hanks.
 3 Mollie Griffith born July 26, 1854

Richard Hanks wife Margaret W.

children,

1 Willie Hanks

Died ?

2 Ella Hanks

Mary Hanks

Susan Hanks

John James Hanks (see picture Clay took in Ky.) married a widow named
 Staffon (Aunt Nancy Jane Hanks) with a daughter named
 Maxie Staffon Davis. Maxie S. Davis died at San Jose, Calif,
 Dec. 9, 1920.
 1 Charlie Hanks now Lexington, Ky.

William Hanks never married.

PARENTS

OUR GRAND PARENTS.

Henry Clay Hanks married Nancy Ellen Baird March 9, 1853

1 Sallie Bartlett Hanks born Dec. 9, 1858 At Whites Run, Ky.
 Died Oct. 12, 1917 At Harriman, Tenn.

2 Lou Ellen Hanks born March 29, 1862 At Whites Run, Ky.
 Died Oct. 2, 1919 At San Diego, Calif.

3 Joe Odia Hanks born Dec. 29, 1865 At Whites Run, Ky.

~~Nancy Ellen Hanks~~ Died Aug. 27, 1922 At Warsaw, Ky.

Nancy Ellen Hanks died at Whites Run, Ky. July 6, 1868

Henry Clay Hanks 2nd. wife Eliza Jane ~~Wynn~~ Cox, who was born Sept. 20, 1848
 and died in 1892 at Harriman, Tenn. They were married Sept. 15, 1869

4 Charlie Thomas Hanks born Jan. 29, 1871 At Whites Run, Ky,
 Died at St. Louis, Mo. 1914

5 Johnson Frank Hanks born Feb. 2, 1876 died Aug. 1876

Charlie T. Hanks married three times. No children. Julia Hanks his
 widow still lives in St. Louis, Mo.

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Sallie Bartlett Hanks married John D. Ralston Dec. 7, 1881

Uncle John died July 19, 1919

1 Lou ~~Ralston~~ Ralston born Dec. 12, 188? *Sanders, Ky.*

2 Ivy May Ralston Died at eleven months. *Sanders, Ky.*

3 Olive Burns Ralston born Nov. 7, 188? *Sanders, Ky.*

Lou Ralston married S. A. Breazeale Harriman, Tenn. 1906

Olive Burns Ralston married J. W. Staples, Harriman, Tenn. April 20, 1921

OUR PARENTS

Lou Ellen Hanks married Thomas Deveraux Salyers July 14, 1886
at Ghent, Ky. by Elder Pinkerton Jr.

1 Clay Deveraux Salyers Aug. 24, 1888 at Ghent, Ky.

2 Lida Bartlett Salyers April 26, 1891 at Harriman, Tenn.

3 Thomas David Salyers Oct. 1, 1895 at Harriman, Tenn.

4 John William Salyers Sept. 9, 1895 at Harriman, Tenn.

5 Nancy Hanks Salyers July 2, 1897 at Harriman, Tenn.

6 Charlie Henry Salyers May 13, 1900 at Harriman, Tenn.

*Los Angeles
and
San Diego
Calif.*

Joe Odia Hanks married Lou Allen of Warsaw, Ky. Oct. 17, 1894.

No children. Aunt Loula Hanks still lives in Warsaw, Ky.

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

1041 Franklin St.
Detroit, Mich.
Sept. 17th, 1939

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
c/o Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.
Fort Wayne, Ind.

April 4, 1940

Dear Dr. Warren:

Nancy Hanks Balyers
4423 Menlo Ave.
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Madam:

Thank you very much for your interesting letter of March 27. The contents have been read over and will be preserved.

I am especially anxious to learn whether or not there are any old family bibles in the Hanks family with definite information as to where the children of Joseph Hanks, the pioneer, were born. My own thought is that it was in Bedford County, Virginia, but I cannot prove it.

You will please receive under separate cover a copy of a bulletin which we publish here which is upon the Hanks family.

I happen to have an engagement to be in San Diego next Spring or possibly along in January and will attempt to pay you a visit when I come there and hope we may have a little meeting of the members of the Hanks family.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BS

Director

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11611 Nardin St.,
Detroit, Mich.
Sept. 17th, 1935

Dr. Lewis A. Warren,
c/o Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Dr. Warren:

On a recent trip through Indiana, I made contact with distant relatives who claim a relationship with the Hanks family. I drove down to Lick Spring, and located the grave of Abner Hanks, who according to the story told me was my Great Great Grandfather. I became very much interested, and was told that you were probably the one person that could give me authentic information on the subject.

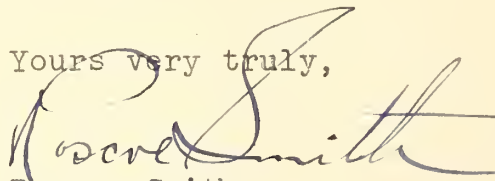
My mother was Nanny E. DeHart, the daughter of Elisha DeHart Jr., who was the son of Elisha DeHart Sr., and Patsy or Martha Hanks. Martha Hanks was the daughter of Abner Hanks, and Abner the son of John Hanks.

If it is not imposing on you^{too} much, I would appreciate very much any information you can give me on the above. In case this data is correct, could you tell me where John Hanks was born, and his relationship to Nancy Hanks.

I hope I have not gone out of bounds in asking your help in this matter, and I thank you for any information you may be able to give me.

I will gladly defray any expense in connection with the above.

Yours very truly,


Roscoe Smith

Martha + De Hart

MAR 1935

JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

ROBERT E. JOHNSON, SUPERINTENDENT

FRANKLIN, INDIANA

September 20, 1935

Mr. Roscoe Smith
11611 Nardin Street
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Mr. Smith:

I regret I was not in my office at the time you called in Fort Wayne for I would have liked to have shown you such information as we have about the family of Abner Hanks.

I regret very much indeed that I cannot give you the exact Virginia contacts of the forbears of Abraham Lincoln and the forbears of Abner Hanks as I do not know as this connection has been positively made. Of course, there are a great many traditions about it but the records which establish without any doubt the exact family from which Nancy Hanks came are not yet available.

The pension claim of Abner Hanks who was placed on the pension roll March 4, 1831 at the age of 75 is in the Indiana State Library. He served under Capt. George Harrison's company and later under George Sisson's company in Virginia. The father is said to have been John Hanks and John is said to have been the son of Abraham Hanks.

If it is convenient for you to come to Fort Wayne at any time, I will be very happy to go over with you the records which we now have available about the Abner Hanks family.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:AAM

Lincoln National Life Foundation

1111 North Main St.,
Detroit, Michigan
48201, U.S.A.

September 20, 1955

Mr. Roscoe Smith
1111 North Main Street
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Mr. Smith:

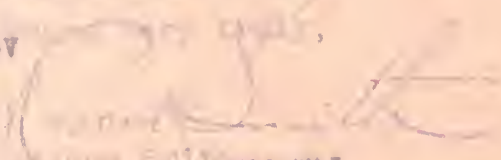
I regret I was not in my office at the time you called in Fort Wayne for I would have liked to have shown you each illustration as we have about the family of

I regret very much indeed that I cannot give you the exact Virginia contacts of the families of Abraham Lincoln and the Roberts of Anne's family as I do not know as the connection has been positively made. Of course, there are a great many traditions about it but the records which establish without any doubt the exact family from which Anne's came, are not yet available.

The relation of Anne's father to the family of George Washington is a matter of some interest. He was a member of the family of George Washington in the Indiana State Library. He was a member of the family of George Washington's company and later of George Washington's company in Virginia. The father is said to have been John H. and John is said to have been the son of Abraham Lincoln.

If it is convenient for you to come to Fort Wayne at any time, I will be very happy to go over with you the records which we now have available about the Anne's family.

Very truly yours,



Lincoln National Life Foundation
Director

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OFFICE OF
JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOLS
ROBERT B. HOUGHAM, SUPERINTENDENT
FRANKLIN, INDIANA

Oct 14-1930

Dear Mr Warren -

I learned from Mrs Paul Byers that you were contemplating a Genealogy of the Hanks family. I am a descendent of Abner Hanks, the Revolutionary soldier and can furnish you the information with the dates of my line - I would be interested in owning a copy of the book when completed & would like to be included in the Genealogy.

Mariah Hanks (a daughter of Abner's) who married James Vaughn, was my greatgrand mother -

Recently I had a letter from Mrs W. L. Beal, Anaconda Montana, who is descended from David Hanks, the last child of the last marriage of Abner.

Today I had a letter from Mrs E. C. Brooks Knoxville

Iowa, who is descended from John Dale Hawks,
a son of Almer.

Our D.A.R. chapter in Franklin is working on
a history of Johnson County which has been asked
for by our National Society. I am Chairman of
Cemetery Records - & have been locating graves up to
1876 - I was told today of a man who knew
where Almer Hawks was buried - If possible I
want to locate his grave, as we intend to put
up a Rev. soldier marker.

If you desire to have my line of ancestry
back to Almer Hawks, I shall be glad to send
you a copy.

Yours truly

Ruth Truitt Hougham -

(Mrs Robert B. Hougham)

October 17, 1930

Mrs. Robert B. Hougham
Franklin, Indiana

My dear Mrs. Hougham:

I am very glad indeed to learn that you have collected some material on the Hanks family, and would be pleased to incorporate it in the Hanks genealogy which we contemplate if you would be so kind as to forward me the information you have.

Most of the material which we have was gathered by Mrs. Caroline Hanks Hitchcock more than thirty-five years ago, so that it reaches back into the last generation.

Of course our ultimate purpose is to show the lineage of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and I am sure that the Abner Hanks group is closely related to the family from which she descended.

Thanking you for your interest, I am

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL

Director,
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

October 29, 1930

Mrs. Robert B. Hougham
251 E. South Street
Franklin, Indiana

My dear Mrs. Hougham:

I have received a copy of the Hanks
genealogy which you kindly forwarded and wish to
thank you for the same.

I will keep you advised from time to
time as to the progress that is being made on the
Hanks genealogy.

Respectfully yours,

LAV:VL

Director,
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ATTENDANCE OFFICER
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OFFICE OF
JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOLS
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FRANKLIN, INDIANA

Dec 5 - 1930

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Mr Warren
Fort Wayne Ind -
Dear Sir -

I wish to correct a few errors in the
record of Abner Hanks, which I sent you recently -

Malira Vaughn was born July 26 - 1836 -

James Vaughn (her father) died Apr 23 - 1836.

Maria Hanks Vaughn married Geo. Kephart 1838

also -

4 Minerva (Mott) first child of Maria Hanks (Mott)
Vaughn was born 1820 died 1914 - and married
George Stovall Smith - who died Dec 24 - 1861 - age 49 yrs - & he was
a Lieutenant Co. F. 79 2nd Vol - (these are tombstone

records I acquired recently -) I think I had
his name as Snowball Smith which was copied wrong -

Yours very truly -

Mrs Robert B. Doreghan

P.S. I do not have a list of the Kephart
children -



Alexander Hamilton Chapter
Daughters of the American Revolution
Franklin, Indiana

December 26 - 1932

Dear Mr Warren -

I am wanting some information in regard to the Hawks family which I think perhaps you might have. I know your intimate purpose is the lineage of Nancy Hawks Lincoln but in your Lincoln Sore you do have other valuable information -

My ancestor "Abner Hawks" born 1756 was a Revolutionary soldier & I have it proven in D.A.R. Society - Abner was the son of John Hawks. John was son of Abraham, who was the brother of Joseph - the ancestor of Nancy Hawks Lincoln.

In your correspondence have you ever had any more information in regard to this John (father of Abner) when he was born - when married & to whom - & when he died & if he, too, was a Revolutionary soldier? There was a John Hawks who fought 1776-1779 - & I am trying to find if this is the one. However, I must have some definite dates

as to birth - marriage & death.

I would certainly appreciate any information you might have - I enjoy the Lincoln Lore so much.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Robert B. Hougham (Regent)

Franklin Dred -
Jan 2 - 1933 -

Mr L. A. Warren -

Fort Wayne Ind -

Dear Mr Warren: -

I am sorry to trouble you again, but since reading the "Lineage of Lincoln" by William E. Barton, I am wondering if Abner Hanks' father & mother were John & Susanna Hanks. I find on page 302 and 323 that John & Susanna Hanks of Richmond Co. Virginia had a son Elijah b- Oct 19, 1766. I had in my notes that Abner had a brother Elijah^{b-1766} - As Abner was born 1763 in Richmond County, it looks reasonable that they were brothers -

Abner lived in Woodford Co. Ky - as did also Elijah - (Elijah married Minerva Bryant or Dale in 1792) in Woodford Co.

On page 325 & 173 - of same book, I find John & Catherine Hanks had 9 children - one son John born May 4 - 1728 - I wonder if this is the John who married Susanna & had Elijah as stated above? It seems reasonable, inasmuch, as they were from Richmond Co. Va.

I have the War Record of one John Hanks & am trying to connect this with same John^{Abner's father}.

If Wm E. Barton is correct, Abraham Hanks as yet, has no place -

This John & Catherine (above) also had Joseph who was Lincoln's ancestor - & if Abner's father John was their son - he & Joseph were brothers.

In your recent letter you state that
John Hanks married Mary Mott -
Do you know for sure that John & Mary
were Abner & Elijah's parents? -

I certainly will appreciate any
other information -

Yours sincerely
Mrs R. B. (Ruth Tront) Hougham,

Mary Virginia Patterson, b. Nov. 13, 1917
residence Franklin, Indiana

Elsie Ellen - b. July 10, 1887 - m. June 30, 1925 - Ferrol B. Green
b. July 15, 1897
residence - Norwalk, Connecticut

David Edith - b. Sept. 10, 1889 - m. 1916 - Thurman T. Hall
b. Mar. 4, 1883
son - John David - b. Dec. 28, 1918
daughter - Margaret Gertrude
b. Oct. 20, 1920
residence - Milwaukee, Wis.

Ruth Anne - b. June 10, 1891 - m. June 10, 1915 - Robert Bradley
Hougham, Dec. 24, 1889 b.

daughter - Alice Jane - b. Feb. 22, 1917
son---Robert Edward - b. July 30, 1920
residence - Franklin, Indiana

Charlotte Jane - b. May 15, 1897 - residence, Norwalk, Conn.

Marish

(~~Mary~~ Hanks Vaughn Kiphart buried in little cemetery at
north edge of Providence.)

Alsey Hanks Utterback and Grace Hanks Deer - buried on
Dr. Province farm at Providence.)

*Mrs Robert B. Hougham
251 E. South St
Franklin Ind.*

Hanks

January 5, 1933

Mrs. R. B. Hougham
Franklin, Indiana

My dear Mrs. Hougham:

I regret very much when I wrote you last time I did not recall having discovered a colony of Hankses in Woodford County, Kentucky. I find that in 1791 Abner, John, Elijah and John Hanks were entered on the Commissioner's book and in 1794, George Hanks, Jr., was listed. In 1808 Elijah Hanks and Winifred, his wife, set aside a tract of land for a Baptist church. In 1813 Abner Hanks and Frances, his wife, then of Gallatin County, Kentucky, sold land in Mercer County to Louis Arnold. The marriage records for Woodford County show that George Hanks married Lucy Mitchell October 6, 1791; Elijah Hanks married Winifred Bryant on March 4, 1792; Pitman Hanks married Elizabeth Mitchell January 1, 1797. At the sale of Alice Dale's property in 1802, purchases were made by Elijah, Abner, Pitman and George Hanks.

Thus far, I have been unable to connect the Hanks family of Richmond County, Virginia, with the Joseph Hanks family from which the mother of the President was descended. I think that Dr. Barton's genealogy here breaks down as he is depending too much on supposition. My own opinion is that Joseph and Abraham Hanks came from Amelia County, Virginia, were brother, but I cannot find an Abraham Hanks in Richmond County, Virginia.

When I have a little more time to go into this more deeply, I will let you know what I discover.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:AMM

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

Descendents of Abner Hanks

Compiled by -----
 Caroline Hanks Hitchcock and Louis A. Warren

Born in Virginia in 1765 or 1756, both dates are given
 Married five times;

- 1st. Elizabeth Dale d. of Alse Dale
- 2nd. Mary _____
- 3rd. Frances _____ signs deed with him 1813 Gallitin Co. Ky.
- 4th. Sarah Goodman
- 5th. _____ Shouse

On tax list in Woodford County Kentucky as early as 1791
 Moved to Johnston County Ind. later to Marion County? Iowa
 Died in Marion County, Iowa, 1847

Children

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---|-------------------------|
| a. Matilda | b. 12-10-1788 | m. ^{Bury Utterback} Elisha Mills | d. 1849 |
| b. Alsey | 2-15-1800 | m. John Utterback | |
| c. Mary | | | |
| d. John Dale | b. 4, 20, 1802 | m. Frances Mc Andrews 1828 | d. 1877 Knoxville Iowa. |
| e. Maria | b. 8, 6, 1804 | m. Mrs. Dougman | |
| f. Susanne | | m. Mr. Vaughn ^{John} | |
| | | m. Mr. Kiphart ^{George} | |
| | | m. Mr. Smith | |
| | | m. Mr. Grady | |
| g. Elizabeth | b. 7 6 1798 | m. John Utterback Sep 12, 1850 | d. Jan 2, 1863 |
| h. Eley | | | |
| 4th i. Sarah | b. 4, 1, 1808 | m. Corbin Utterback 1, 7, '27 | d. 2, 17, 79 Iowa Ind. |
| j. Signor ^{Sydney} | b. 8, 11, 1811 | m. Elizabeth Schidmore, 1840 | d. Williamsburg, Md |
| k. Melton | b. 2, 15, 1813 | m. Rebecca Utterback, 1844 | d. Lake City, Cal. |
| l. Washington | b. 3, 20, 1814 | m. | d. Louisville, Ky |
| m. Martha | b. 8, 31, 1815 | | |
| n. Caroline | b. 1, 5, 1817 | m. Keziak Utterback, 1850 | |
| o. Grace | b. 7, 22, 1818 | m. ^{Walter Deer} ^{Mitchell} | d. Union Valley, Md |
| p. Amanda | | | |
| q. America | | ^{David Byers} | |
| r. David | | | |
| s. Patsy | b. | m. Elisha DeHart | lived in Edmsburg, Ill. |

Note. I missed the oldest child Thomas

Thomas b. 3, 11, 1791, m. Sarah Tandy 12, 19, 12 in Carroll Co. Ky
 He died at the age of 91, an influential cit.

^{York} also noted but never married
 His wife's name said to be Mrs. Carol Byers Franklin Ind.

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Huntington, W. Va.

Residence Address:
#1810 Kite Ave.,
Jan. 19, 1935

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY, *Head,*
W. I. Utterback

Louis Austin Warren,
Lincoln Foundation,
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:-

I have been referred to you by the The Filson Club, Inc., of Louisville, Ky., as the best authority on the ancestry of Abraham Lincoln. From the fact that I am now attempting to publish a book on the History and Genealogy of the UTTERBACK Family in America I am writing to you concerning the Family Records, etc., of the four Hankses who married Utterbacks. The following are the reports I have received from various sources:-

**1-Sarah HANKS, (A. Lincoln's Cousin, born Apr. 1, 1808; died _____); married (m.) Jan. 7, 1829 to Corbin UTTERBACK, (b. Nov. 7, 1803; d. _____ 1897). -Married in Woodford County, Kentucky

2-Alice HANKS, (Daughter of Abner HANKS, born _____; d. _____); m. -Jan. 30, 1819 to John UTTERBACK, (b. May 9, 1797; d. June 29, 1876), -Married in Woodford Co., Ky., with the Father, Abner HANKS, acting as bondsman.

3-Matilda HANKS, (daughter of Abner HANKS, -born _____; d. _____); m. Nov. 29, 1808 to Benjamin UTTERBACK, (b. _____ 1780(?); d. _____). -Married in Woodford Co., with the father, Abner HANKS, acting as bondsman

4-Mahlon HANKS, (A. Lincoln's Cousin, b. _____; d. _____); m. _____ to Rebecca, (Twin with Elliott) UTTERBACK, (b. _____; d. _____). -Their children were: Lourinda, Sarah, George, Abner, Jr., Lewis, and Louisa Hanks

** -Is the report correct that Corbin and Sarah (HANKS) UTTERBACK's children were: -William, Matilda, Josiah, Delilah, Abner, Lucretia, Nimrod, Elliott, Landon, Sarah, Malinda and Lucinda? I do not have reports for John and Alice (HANKS) Utterback Family and for Benjamin and Matilda (HANKS) UTTERBACK Family

In your research work I am wondering if you have collected data on the Genealogy of the Utterback Family outside of the Utterbacks who married into the Nancy Hanks Family? Thankful for your courtesy of a reply, I am,

Respectfully yours,

William I. Utterback

William I. Utterback, -Teacher & Author

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January 23, 1935

W. G. MURPHY, Librarian
Lincoln National Life Foundation
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Utterback:

I thank you for your kind letter of Jan. 15. I am sure Dr. Warren would be very much interested in the names and facts which you have listed. Unfortunately, Dr. Warren is out of the city and will not return for over two months, so it will be necessary that I hold your letter until his return and at that time I am sure you shall hear from him. Dr. Warren has done quite a lot of work on this branch and I know he will give you a letter a lot of study and thought.

Mr. William I. Utterback
1810 Kite Avenue
Huntington, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Utterback:

Your letter has been received concerning the Genealogy of the Utterback Family in America. I am sure Dr. Warren would be very much interested in the names and facts which you have listed. Unfortunately, Dr. Warren is out of the city and will not return for over two months, so it will be necessary that I hold your letter until his return and at that time I am sure you shall hear from him. Dr. Warren has done quite a lot of work on this branch and I know he will give you a letter a lot of study and thought.

In the meantime, if the Foundation can be of any help to you, we shall be very glad to cooperate with you in any way in helping you publish your book.

Yours very truly,

RGM:LH

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Lincoln National Life Foundation

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Huntington, W. Va.

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

Residence Address:
#1810 Kite Ave.,
Jan. 25, 1935

R. Gerald McMurty, Librarian,
LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE FOUNDATION,
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. McMurty; -

I thank you for your kind letter of the 23d in which you advise about Dr. Warren's absence from the city for two months or more. I will look forward with pleasant anticipation of hearing from him relative to the relation of the Utterback Family to Hanks Family as I know what he will say concerning the Hanks Family will be a valued contribution to my book which I propose to publish on the History and Genealogy of the Utterback Family in America.

I am very grateful, too, for your kind offer to help me in my efforts to publish my book and thus I would take advantage of your generosity and ask if I might be referred to a published work on the Genealogy of the HANKS Family that I might find in our local or State Libraries, or may I ask for the loan of any good work put out by your Foundation which might contribute to my book and for which I would pay express or postage and any reasonable fee required by your library?

I hear that Dr. Warren is the author of "Lincoln's Parentage and Childhood" and wonder if that book contains any reference to the five Utterbacks who married into the Hanks Family. I think I failed to make mention in my letter which you now hold of another marriage which I discovered since writing and that is of a Lavina Utterback, (daughter of Samuel, Son of Nimrod, Son of Jacob Utterback who married Abner HANKS, Jr., Son of Mahlon and Rebecca (Utterback) HANKS. I have also heard of a Journal article somewhere contributed by Rev. William E. Barton under the caption of "The Hankses", but have not been able to have access to it from our local libraries.

I wonder if you have any good Standard Helps on arranging Genealogical material since I have succeeded through extensive correspondence in collecting a great mass of history and genealogy on the Utterback Family from nearly every State in the Union much of it as yet greatly disconnected. The task is GIGANTIC, but most fascinating.

Thankful for any continued courtesy, I am,

Respectfully yours,

William I. Utterback

William I. Utterback, - Great-Great Grandson of
HARMON UTTERBACK, (b. 1754 in Germany; d. 1854 in Nicholas Co., Ky., a Centenarian and Soldier of the Revolution)

Marshall College

Huntington, W. Va.

January 28, 1935

Mr. William I. Utterback
1810 Kite Avenue
Huntington, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Utterback:

I have received your letter today concerning your genealogical work on the Utterback family in America. I have also noted what you say concerning the relation of the Utterback family to the Hanks family. I think your work along this line is as interesting as it is difficult and I am sure your finished article will be a distinct contribution to the study of the ancestry of Lincoln's parents.

In answer to your question regarding a published work of the genealogy of the Hanks family, I will site you two books published in 1900 by Caroline Hanks Hitchcock. This author has probably done more work on the Hanks family than any other person and we have all the documents that she used in her collection. It would be a fine thing if you could come to Fort Wayne and look through these documents. I am sure you would find your visit well worth while.

I have looked in Dr. Warren's "Lincoln's Parentage and Childhood" and I have failed to find any reference to the Utterbacks in the index. I have also look through other works of Dr. Warren and I have failed to find any reference to that family. You will find enclosed in this letter a few Lincoln Lozes, a publication of our Foundation, which will list some of the works of Dr. Warren on this subject.

This letter shall also be brought to Dr. Warren's attention when he returns from the west coast.

Yours very truly,

RCM:LH
R.Gerald McMurtry

Librarian
Lincoln National Life Foundation

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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

Residence Address:-
#1810 Kite Ave.,
Feb. 27, 1935

R. Gerald McMurty,
Librarian,
LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE FOUNDATION,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Mr. McMurty:-

Allow me to write to you again relative to the HANKS and UTTERBACK Family in my endeavor to publish my book on the History and Genealogy of the Utterback Family.

I find in the literature which you so kindly sent me on LINCOLN LORE the mention of a genealogist on the HANKS Family, a Mrs. Caroline Hanks Hitchcock. I am writing to ask if Mrs. Hitchcock is still living and if so, may I have her address if you are able to furnish it?

I have written my nephew, Harold Utterback, an electrician of your city, asking him to attend to the research in your library for me in regard to the members of the Hanks Family who married Utterbacks since I am anxious to have this data before Dr. Warren is able to return.

I have been able to secure Dr. Warren wonderful book on Lincoln's Parentage and Childhood through the courtesy of the Curator of our State Department of Archives and History and have been helped very much, but of course the book could not go into the details as Mrs. Hitchcock has with her 1200 genealogical lists of Hanks Families.

Thankful for your kind offer to cooperate further with me in my endeavor to work out a complete and accurate genealogy of my family, I am, with well wishes,

Respectfully yours,

William I. Utterback

William I. Utterback, -Teacher as Vocation,
-Writer as Avocation

P.S. -I notice from Dr. Warren's FOREWORD in his book he indicates his address then as Zionsville, Indiana, the home of most of the descendants of John Utterback, (1797-1876 who is said to have married Alice HANKS, daughter of Abner HANKS

March 27, 1935

Mr. William I. Utterback
1810 Kite Ave.
Huntington, West Virginia

My dear Mr. Utterback:

After an absence of two months I returned to my desk and find your letter among others which have accumulated.

I regret very much that I can be but little assistance to you in developing the story of the Utterback family, as the only researches I made were in Woodford and Anderson Counties, where this family intermarried with the Utterbacks and find no records there which you do not already have.

I do find one slight correction, however, in the listing of the children of Corbin and Sarah Hanks Utterback. In the list I have I do not find a William, but I do find a Corbin, Jr.

I think you will make a mistake to try to show the exact relationship between the Sarah Hanks whom you call Abraham Lincoln's cousin, and Nancy Hanks, the mother of President Lincoln.

Unless you have further evidence than we have here at our office, we are not as yet able to relate the Kentucky Hankses directly to Nancy Hanks, although we feel she was the daughter of a James Hanks, probably the son of Joseph Hanks, Sr.

If you have any information at all about how the Corbin Hanks family is related to the Hanks mother of Abraham Lincoln, we would be very much delighted to get that information.

I recall the Utterback family in Zionsville, while I lived there, and I think then there was some tradition that they had been related in their early history to the Hanks family.

If I can assist you further, you may feel sure I will be very happy to do so.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director
Lincoln National Life Foundation

March 6, 1935

Mr. William I. Utterback
1810 Kite Ave.
Huntington, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Utterback:

I have noted the contents of your letter and I regret to say that Mrs. Caroline Hanks Hitchcock is no longer living. Likely by now you have seen a copy of her work, which is so important in the study of Lincoln genealogy.

I shall be very glad to assist Mr. Harold Utterback in going through the Hanks manuscripts in order to find something concerning the Utterbacks. The extent of this Hanks collection is so great that I fear quite a lot of work will be necessary in order to weed out the desired data. I regret that you find it impossible to come to Fort Wayne. I am sure you would find much interesting source material for your publication.

Yours very truly,

RGM:EB
R. G. McMurtry

Librarian
Lincoln National Life Foundation

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#1810 Kite Ave.,
Huntington, West Va.,
May 3, 1935

Louis A. Warren, Director,
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Dr. Warren:-

How thankful I am to you for your kind favor of the 2nd when you sent me a bulletin of a Church Anniversary at Murray, Kentucky, containing several references to members of the Utterback Family! The references have resulted in much valuable correspondence in my research with the view to the publication of the History and Genealogy of the Utterback Family for all America

Since writing to you I have heard of a few more Hanks-Utterback Marriages and submit them as follows for your verification:-

- (1)-John Utterback, (b. 1797; d. 1876); m. - May 14, 1850 to Elizabeth Hanks, (b. 1798; d. 1863), daughter of Abner Hanks, as his 2nd wife. -(I have already reported this same John to you as having married Alice Hanks, also daught. of Abner Hanks, as his 1st wife)
- (2)-Hezekiah Utterback, (b. 1810; d. 1875); m. - Caroline Hanks, daught. of Abraham Hanks, (Soldier of the Revolutionary War, enlisted in Bedford Co., Va., and resided in Lincoln County, Tennessee, Oct. 16, 1832 when his pension was allowed as reported by the U.S. War Dept.)
- (3)- (Additional data on the Mahlon & Rebecca (Utterback) Hanks Family):-
Their Children:-
(A)-Sarah Hanks married a Mr. Drew as her 1st husband
Children of this Family:-
(a)-Laura Drew; (b)-Nora Drew; (c)-Harvey Drew
#3-(B)-Abner Hanks, Jr.; m. - Lavina Utterback, daught. of Samuel Utterback, 14th and youngest son of Nimrod Utterback
(Another son (C) and daught. (D) of Mahlon & Beckie Hanks are reported but I do not have their names and would be glad to have them if they could be found in the archives of your FOUNDATION)
- (4)-JACOB UTTERBACK, (b. 1743 in Germany; d. 1842 in Woodford Co., Ky.); m. - QUENCY HANKS, born in England and is reported as to be of blood relationship to Nancy Hanks, mother of A. Lincoln. (I have no documentary proof for this report on Quency Hanks except from Family Bible records of two of Jacob Utterback's descendants now living in Olympia, Wash.)
- (5)-William F. Bond, (son of Sarah (Utterback) & John Bond); m. - Susan Hanks. (I have no data on this Susan Hanks and wonder if there are any in your archives)

Also thankful for your kind offer to assist in my compilation of data on the Utterback Family, -especially as related to those members who have married into the Hanks Family, I am, with well wishes,

Sincerely yours,

W. I. Utterback

W. I. Utterback, -Author

(OVER)

P.S.-

I have been referred to you as having special information on a **MARTIN UTTERBACK** who is reported as being the 2nd son of **Jacob Utterback**, was born about 1768 in Woodford Co., married **Ann Williams**, lived in Hardin Co., Ky., and was a school teacher and preacher in the early pioneer days in Kentucky and southern Illinois. If so, may I have that data?

-W.D.U.

May 6, 1935

Mr. W. I. Utterback
1810 Kite Ave.
Huntington, West Va.

My dear Mr. Utterback:

We are very glad indeed if our reference to the Utterback family at Murray, Kentucky, made valuable contacts for you in your genealogy of the Utterback family.

Possibly when summertime comes and I am more free to do genealogical work I will be able to find a few more items of interest to you. In the meantime, I wonder if you would be willing to give me all of the information you have about the Abraham Hanks, Revolutionary soldier, who enlisted in Bedford County, Virginia, and who was residing in Lincoln County, Tennessee on April 16, 1832. I do not seem to have here in my records an account of his birth or death or any further family history.

Very truly yours,

LAW:LEH

Director

December 12, 1935

Mr. William I. Utterback
1810 Kite Avenue
Huntington, West Virginia

My dear Mr. Utterback:

Thank you very much for your further notes with reference to the Hanks Family which we are very glad to have.

I believe I have forwarded you all the available data we have on the Utterback Family. Of course, we only made citations on this family when they came in contact with the Hankses.

I wonder if I have referred you to Mrs. Robert B. Houghan of Franklin, Indiana, who is interested in the Abner Hanks group, also to Mr. John W. Holcombe of Greensburg, Indiana, another member of the same family of Hankses. Both of these people, I think, would be of much help to you. There is also a Mrs. C. R. Galloway of Henderson, Kentucky, who might assist you somewhat.

I do not find in my Indiana records any reference to Boone County whatever, so it does not appear as if I have done any research work in that county.

I shall watch, however, for any clue that may lead to a further study of the Hanks-Utterback contact.

Very truly yours,

LAW:LH

Director

Marshall College

Huntington, W. Va.

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

Residence address:
#1810 Kite Ave.,
Dec. 7, 1935

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Director,
LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE FOUNDATION,
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Dr. Warren:-

I am that genealogical "pest" who is still attempting to publish a book on "The History and Genealogy of the **UTTERBACK** Family in America" and I am thankful for the interesting letters I have received from you.

Since I am anxious to have more authentic knowledge of the **HANKS-UTTERBACK** Marriages I am writing to you again concerning the list of those marriages in the **ABNER HANKS** Family which I am enclosing

I am also enclosing other **Hanks** marriages and other court records on the **Hanks Family** I collected while on a long motor trip through Indiana, Kentucky and old Virginia last August while on my vacation. Probably you already have much of this data on the **Hanks Family**, but I am sending it with the hopes that some of the material may be new to you. In return I would be glad to have all data you may find for me on the **Utterback Family**, -particularly on those of Boone County, Ind., since I did not get time to visit that County last August when I visited my mother in Crawfordsville, Ind., after I returned from a ten day trip in Virginia.

With well wishes of the season, I am,

Sincerely yours,



William I. Utterback, -Teacher as VOCATION;
-Writer as AVOCATION

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

Marshall College

W. I. UTTERBACK

The following data on the **JACOB UTTERBACK** Family I found in the Indiana State Library at Indianapolis, Ind., and in the Johnson Co., Ind., Library at Franklin:-

1.--**ABNER HANKS** came to Johnson County, Indiana, from Henry Co., Ky., and was buried near Franklin, Ind. He is reported to have been married 5 times; only two wives with their full names are on record, -**Elizabeth Dale** and **Sarah Goodman** and third one being recorded as a **Miss Shouse**

The following are the children of **Abner Hanks** who married **UTTERBACKS** but with no indication by what wives:-

(1)- Matilda Hanks	married	Nov. 28, 1808	to Benjamin Utterback
(2)- Ailse	"	Jan. 30, 1819	to John
(3)- Betsy	"	May 14, 1850	to Same John
(4)- Sarah	"	Jan. 7, 1829	to Corbin
(5)- Caroline	"	1830	to Hezekiah
(6)- Mahlon,	"	1844	to Rebecca

Anderson Co., Ky., Marriage records, etc., of the HANKS Family

2.--**John Hanks** married Sept. 1, 1872 to **Barbara Jeffries**
 3.--**Valera** " " June 12, 1882 " **Russel Martin**
 4.--**Mary A.** " " Dec. 16, 1897 " **George N. Martin**
 5.--In the Processional Book B, pp. 83-85 are recorded a map of platt of land for **W.T. Hanks & Widow, Nancy Jane Hanks**, situate on **Salt River** Division of the land was made on Dec. 23, 1874

Franklin Co., Ky.

6.--**Hannah Hanks** married July 1823 to **John G. Holeman**
 7.--**Pitman** " , Jr. " July 1823 to **Emma North**

Woodford Co., Ky.

8.--**Pitman Hanks, Sr.** married Jan. 1, 1797 to **Elizabeth Mitchell**
 9.--**Elizabeth** " " Mar. 21, 1792 " **Winnifred Bryant**
 10.--**Sydnor** " " Sept. 19, 1816 to **Polly Graves**
 11.--**Betsy** " " Mar. 5, 1818 " **John Long**
 12.--**Mariah** " " Mar. 23, 1817 " **James Smith**
 13.--**Susan** " " 1821 " **Wm. F. Bond, (Son of Sarah**
Utterback of Fauquier Co. Va.)

Respectfully submitted,

William I. Utterback

William I. Utterback (b. 1872 in Montgomery Co., Ind.) -9,
 John W. (1850-1897) -8, Wm. M. (1817-1907) -7, Thompson (1785-1862) -6,
 Harman, (1746-1828) -5, Henry (1717-1799) 4 John Philip (1692-?) 3 Herman,
 (1660-?) 2 Johannes (1630-?) 1 -my **Utterbak Lineage**



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March 30- 1937

Dr. Louis A. Warren
Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne Ind.

My Dear Dr. Warren-,

Thanks for your good letter of recent date
and for the fact that you remember d our very pleasant chat.

I am sorry to day that I have not found
any more information as to the Hanks family. In fact I have been
so busy trying to feed the Stentz family that have not taken
the matter up.

My Mother, Nancy Hanks was the daughter
of John and Martha Hanks in Knoxville Iowa. I am ashamed of
the fact that I do not know my grandmothers maiden name.

Any information that you may have that
you think might be of special interest in Re the Hanks family
will be gratefully received.

Yours Cordially,


J. Dale Stentz.

J. Dale Stentz Ancestry

1. Abraham Hanks lived in Amilia County, Virginia.
2. Abner Hanks was born in 1756 in Virginia. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. He migrated to Kentucky, then moved to Johnson County, Indiana, then to Marion County, Iowa where he died in 1847.
3. John Dale Hanks was born April 20, 1802. He married Frances McAndrew in 1828 in Henry County, Kentucky. He then moved to Johnson County, Indiana, then to Knoxville, Iowa. He died in 1877.
4. John Hanks was born Nov. 2, 1837. He married Martha Jane Waggener, in 1853, the daughter of Mary Shipp and Brugass Wagner of Bloomington, Ind. He first lived in Nebraska where his first two children were born. He later moved to Knoxville, Iowa where the other children were born, and where he was a stock broker and where he died in 1878. His wife then lived in Newton, Iowa.

The first two children of John were born in Nebraska and the others in Knoxville, Iowa. They were all brilliant scholars, five of them being graduated as valedictorians.

5. Nancy Alice Hanks was born Oct. 2, 1854. She married John C. Stentz, Jan. 21, 1873 and lived in Ottumwa, Iowa. They had five children: Ancil, Stella, Clarissa and Jephtha Dale.

F.B.I.R. - John Dale

April 7, 1937

Mr. J. Dale Stentz
Waynesville Chamber of Commerce
Waynesville, North Carolina

My dear Mr. Stentz:

It has occurred to me that you might be interested in the various generations of Hankses back of your grandmother and I have taken occasion to write down your family lineage, starting with Abraham Hanks who lived in Amelia County, Virginia about 1740 and for many years thereafter.

You will note the other descendants of Abraham Hanks are numbered in the various generations which follow. I regret exceedingly I cannot tell you just how Abraham Hanks was related to Lincoln's mother, but I rather believe he was her great uncle. In other words, Abner Hanks would have been an own cousin to Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

Trusting this may be of interest to you, I am

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB
Enc.

Director

ABNER HANKS

Pension Claim S. 31729
Ind. State Library

Rank - private - annual allowance \$20 received \$60
Maryland Militia when placed on pension roll April 7, 1834.
Pension began Mar. 4, 1831, age 75 years. Served 3 mo. in
Capt. Geo. Harrison's Va. Co. Served 3 mo. in Capt. Geo.
Sisson's Va. Co.

brothers { Abraham Hanks { John Hanks - 2 sons - Elijah
 { Joseph Hanks { Abner (our ancestor)
 { Lucy Hanks - 1 daughter - Nancy Hanks--
 (mother of
 Abraham Lincoln)

Abner Hanks born in Virginia 1759 (?)
 1756 (?) d. 1847
 married five times

1. Elizabeth Dale (daughter of Alsey Dale (wife as late as 1802)
2. Mary --
3. Frances - signs deed with him 1813 at Gallatin Co. Ky.
4. Sarah Goodman
5. _____ Shouse

Abner is on tax list of Woodford Co. Ky as early as 1791.
Moved to Johnson County, Indiana and later to Marion
County, Iowa. Died 1847. Buried in Lick Spring Cemetary,
Johnson County, Indiana.

Children of Abner Hanks

- | | | |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| a 1. Matilda | b. Dec. 10, 1788 | m. Benj. Utterback |
| b 2. Thomas | b. Mar. 11, 1791 | m. Sarah Tandy
Dec. 19, 1812 in
Carroll Co. Ky. |
| c 3. Elizabeth
(Betsy) | b. July 6, 1798 | m. John Utterback d. 1863
1850 (second wife) |
| d 4. Alsey | b. Feb. 15, 1800 | m. John Utterback d. 1849 |
| e 5. Mary | no record | |
| f 6. John Dale | b. Apr. 20, 1802 | m. Frances McAndrews-1828 |
| | His descendant--Mrs. E.C. Brooks, Knoxville, Iowa.
Died 1877 - Knoxville, Iowa | |
| g 7. Mariah | b. Aug. 4, 1804 | m. 2 James Vaughn
m. 3 Geo. Kiphart
m. 1. Smith m. 2. Grady |
| h 8. Suzanne | b. | |
| i 9. Eley | no record of her | |
| j 10. Sarah | b. Apr. 1, 1808 | m. Corbin Utterback, Jan. 7, 1827
d. Feb. 17, 1879 in Iowa |

Prepared by Mrs Robert B. Houghton

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|-----------------------|--|---|
| 11. Signor | b. Aug. 11, 1811 | m. Elizabeth Skidmore 1840
d. at Nineveh |
| 12. Melton | b. Feb. 15, 1813 | m. Rebecca Utterback 1844
b. Aug. 31, 1815 d. Cal. |
| 13. Washington | b. Mar. 20, 1814 | m. Martha _____ d. Louisville |
| 14. Martha
(Patsy) | b. Aug. 31, 1815 | m. Elisha Dehart |
| 15. Caroline | b. Jan. 5, 1817 | m. Hezekiah Utterback 1850 |
| 16. Grace | b. July 22, 1818
d. Jan. 30, 1848 | m. Willis Deer, Sept. 24, 1834 |
| 17. Amanda | m. _____ Mitchell | |
| 18. America | m. David Byers | |
| 19. David | a civil war veteran - his descendant--
Mrs. W. L. Beal
Anaconda, Mont. | |

7th child - Mariah Hanks b. Aug. 4, 1804 m. - Mott - daughter
Minerva Mott
M. Snowball Smith
M. Sept. 20, 1821 - James Vaughn
b. Oct. 16, 1798
d. Apr. 23, 1838
M. Geo. Wiphart - about 1840

(7) Mariah Hanks - Children of Mariah Hanks and James Vaughn

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| 1. John Looney Vaughn | b. Aug. 14, 1822 | |
| 2. Mary Elizabeth | b. Feb. 28, 1824 | |
| 3. Martin Allen | b. Apr. 25, 1826 | m. Jane Gilmore |
| 4. Aloheus Morris | b. Apr. 27, 1828 | |
| 5. Samuel Herriott | b. June 7, 1830 | |
| 6. Martha J. | b. Sept. 4, 1832 | |
| 7. Frances Marion | b. Feb. 6, 1835 | m. John Barnett |
| (8) Maliva | b. July 26, 1838 | m. James Barnett
(brothers) |

(8) Maliva Vaughn b. July 26, 1838 d. Oct. 8, 1867 m. 1854
James B. Barnett
b. 1825 d. Oct. 6, 1865 - son
of Horatio Barnett and Lavina Harlow
Charlottesville, Va.

Children of Maliva Vaughn and James Barnett

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| 1. Everett Barnett | - b. Oct. 3, 1856 |
| 2. Martha Ellen | - b. July 29, 1858 - d. July 29, 1913 |
| (3) Mary Lavina | - b. July 29, 1861 |
| 4. Alonzo | - b. April 27, 1865 - d. 1912 |

(3) Mary Lavina Barnett - m. Aug. 27, 1884
Solomon Andrew Trout - b. Sept. 8, 1856 - son of David Trout
and Nancy Ellen McClain

Children

Ethel Alta - b. Dec. 30, 1885 - m. Sept. 1915 - Louis W. Patterson
1 daughter

